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## GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This week flew by. We began the week with the naming of an intersection in Lincoln Heights after a local legendary NFL hero. We had a day full of earthquake preparedness as we remembered the Northridge earthquake twenty years ago. We preserved the Little Joe's sign and pillars in Chinatown as we make way for future developments. We also welcomed two new businesses to CD1 and celebrated the opening of our Arroyo Seco Branch Library on Sundays. We ended the week asking for leads to the death of Jesus Eduardo Vargas and celebrated the anniversary of the end of the civil war in El Salvador.



Gilbert A. Cedillo  
Councilmember, District 1

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Kenny Washington Square



(Photo Credit: flickr)

On Tuesday, the City Council approved a motion to name the Lincoln Park Avenue and Broadway intersection in Lincoln Heights, the "Kenny Washington Square." After a successful high school (Lincoln High School) and collegiate (UCLA) football career, Kenny was denied the opportunity to play in the N.F.L. because of his race. His playing career was temporarily suspended with the onset of WWII while Kenny served his country in the military as a type of sports ambassador regularly visiting with troops and playing in exhibition games.

Upon returning to professional sports, Kenny became a groundbreaking pioneer in professional football as the first African-American to sign a contract in the modern-day N.F.L. with the newly relocated Los Angeles Rams. After his retirement from football, Washington became a distinguished police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Kenny Washington's story is a true Angelo story, one that must be told and remembered for generations to come.

## LA-RIO



(Photo Credit: LA Planning Department)

This week, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered two proposed ordinances. First, an ordinance to establish the River Improvement Overlay ("RIO") District as citywide enabling legislation allowing the creation of a Supplemental Use District for waterways. Second, an ordinance defining the boundaries of the City's first RIO Supplemental Use District, generally defined as all properties located within approximately 2,500 feet of the Los Angeles River (which is a total of 32 miles in the City of Los Angeles; a total of 52 miles throughout the region). These measures are pieces of City legislation intended to implement and advance the vision of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan.

Following testimony from LA River advocates and members of the public, Council Member Cedillo requested that the matter be held in PLUM Committee. Since the public had not been engaged on this proposed legislation since early-2012, when the City Planning Commission last took up the matter; Council Member Cedillo asked the Department of City Planning to provide informational updates to those community stakeholders impacted by the new overlay district.

The PLUM Committee will take up the matter for a vote and recommendation to the full City Council again in 90-days (or mid-April).

For more information on the proposed LA-RIO ordinances and ongoing work on LA River revitalization, please visit:

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0096-S1>

<http://www.lariver.org>

## Earthquake Safety



(Photo Credit: LA Times)

Tuesday was Earthquake Day at City Council. We were treated to presentations from the multiple Earthquake preparedness organizations and presented the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with a certificate for all their hard work. These presentations, along with a moment of silence, were done in memory of the Northridge Earthquake twenty years ago.

Let us not forget the Northridge quake and let us be prepared for the next big one.

You can find resources on how to be safe on the 'mysafela' website by clicking [here](#).

## Lou Calanche Appointment to HACLA



(Photo Credit: City Photography)

On Wednesday, the Los Angeles City Council approved the appointment of Lou Calanche to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Calanche serves as a Political Science Assistant Professor at East Los Angeles College. She has introduced lower division students to the legislative and political processes of government. She utilizes textbooks, current events, professional experiences and students' experiences to develop interactive lectures and class assignments that provide students an understanding of the dynamics of the political environment. She seeks to increase students' understanding of how competing interests; social, economic, cultural and political forces influence the development and implementation of public policy.

Ms. Calanche is also Founder and Executive Director of Legacy LA. Here she directs and manages the development of this grassroots start-up nonprofit organization that has transformed an abandoned federal armory into a state-of-the-art youth development facility. She Initiated and leads community-planning by implementing community engagement strategies including; the formation of a community planning committee, focus groups, youth summits and retreats, and community events.

Congratulations Lou.

**JP Morgan**



(Photo Credit: Slate)

On Wednesday, Councilmember Cedillo introduced a motion asking the City of Los Angeles to review the impacts recent investigations, lawsuits and settlements involving JP Morgan have on the City's investments and holdings.

In the last few years, at least seven federal agencies, various state regulatory agencies and two foreign nations have sought to hold JP Morgan Chase & Co. accountable for serial misconduct. The bank agreed to some \$20 billion of legal settlements in 2013, with \$850 million in the fourth quarter alone. In the midst of misconduct litigation, JP Morgan continues to be a major beneficiary of taxpayer dollars from the City of Los Angeles, which holds a line of credit with the bank that generates fees for JP Morgan.

The City's employee pensions are also heavily invested in JP Morgan. The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) owns approximately \$62 million of JP Morgan stock as of June 30, 2013, making it one of LACERS' top ten holdings. LACERS' real estate portfolio also includes JP Morgan core and value funds estimated at more than \$50 million.

As the City continues to work towards full economic recovery, it is only fair to hold those corporate entities accountable for the wrong doings they committed against our most vulnerable. JPMorgan targeted underserved communities and someone must hold them accountable. By taking a stand in LA, we are sending a signal to other municipal and state government entities around the country. If we want to make sure that banks like JPMorgan do not engage in such improper conduct in the future -- they need to realize there is potential to lose business here in the City of LA.

For a copy of the motion, please click [here](#).

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## FIELD UPDATE

### Little Joe's Sign Preservation



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Friday, Team Cedillo was on hand at the former Little Joe's restaurant site in Chinatown for the removal of the Little Joe's sign. As we make room for the Blossom Plaza project, we had to do something to preserve the iconic Little Joe's sign and steel pillars that welcomed patrons to the restaurant. We coordinated with the Italian American Museum, who will store and maintain the items for future generations to admire.

Go team!

### Greyhound Opens in Highland Park



(Photo Credit: Greyhound)

Last night, Team Cedillo welcomed a new establishment on the Figueroa Corridor. CD 1 welcomes their new neighbors at The Greyhound Bar and Grill. The Greyhound will eventually open for lunch, but for now, stop in for dinner and cocktails after work! We are thrilled to see new business along the corridor.

### **General Lee's Opens in Chinatown**



(Photo Credit: General Lee's)

Tonight historic General Lee's in Chinatown is back with a twist. Formerly the Mountain Bar, this hot spot in the Central Plaza is going to enhance the energy in Chinatown. General Lee's was a historic restaurant in Chinatown that closed in the 80's. The new owners have brought back the name for their upscale bar with an intriguing drink menu. The First District is very excited to see you open your doors once again!

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## NEWS UPDATE

### **Arroyo Seco Library Sunday Hours**



(Photo Credit: Melinda Alatorre)

Last Sunday Councilmember Cedillo was on hand for the new Sunday hours at the Arroyo Seco Regional Branch. Bring the kids on Sunday. New operating hours are:

Arroyo Seco Regional Branch  
6145 N. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90042  
(323) 255-0537

Monday: 10:00am – 8:00pm  
Tuesday: 12:30pm – 8:00pm  
Wednesday: 10:00am – 8:00pm  
Thursday: 12:30pm – 8:00pm  
Friday: 10:00am – 5:30pm  
Saturday: 10:00am – 5:30pm  
Sunday: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

## **Cedillo Honored by LA Voice**



(Photo Credit: Conrado Terrazas)

On Sunday Councilmember Cedillo was honored by LA Voice for all his work on behalf of immigrant communities.

LA Voice believes that every human is created with dignity. LA Voice teaches people to speak, act, and engage in the public arena. It is their mission to transform Los Angeles into a city that reflects the human dignity of all communities, especially those in greatest need. They are an interfaith, community organization that unites people from diverse backgrounds to improve the quality of life of Los Angeles residents.

## Rampart Reward Motion Press Conference



(Photo Credit: Kris Ortega)

On Thursday Councilmember Cedillo joined the LAPD Rampart division to announce a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to the identity, arrest and prosecution of the person(s) responsible for the murder of 27-year-old Jesus Eduardo Vargas.

On July 1, 2013, around 7:20 p.m., Rampart Patrol officers responded to a radio call of a Shooting in the 2100 block of West Pico Boulevard in the Pico and Hoover area. The victim was chased inside the location by the suspect and both were involved in a fight. A second suspect shot and killed Vargas.

Detectives have exhausted all known leads in the case and are currently seeking the public's help in identifying the suspects. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detectives Martinez or Lee at (213) 484-3639.

## **22 Year Anniversary of El Salvador Peace Treaty**



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Thursday Councilmember Cedillo joined the Consul General of El Salvador at MacArthur Park for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Peace Treaty in El Salvador. The Salvadoran Civil War was an armed conflict that left 75,000 people dead and several thousand missing. The war lasted 12 years and 8 months from 1979-1992.

As we leave this dark period of time in the past, we celebrate today and the future. Salvadorans living in CD1 have hope for a brighter future.

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